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PENZO ITALY'S GOALIE?

GEORGE PENZO, Polonia's goalkeeper, may be selected to defend Italy's goal in tomorrow's WORLD CUP match against England. This picture was taken when the acrobatic 'keeper was with Geelong.

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REFEREE USES TANK FOR SAFETY

A cable message from Brazil, reprinted in the Melbourne "Herald" last week, reported that referee Carlos Garrincha has bought an old army tank for use at certain matches.

The tank is parked at the edge of the field, and whenever the referee senses an element of distemper in the crowd, he hops into the tank.

It's a mighty practical idea. Referee Conners could have used one here a couple of weeks ago.

An editor can use one all the time.

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ITALY FACES ENGLAND IN WORLD CUP REPLAY

On Sunday, May 17th, Italy and England met in their first-round WORLD CUP tie and fought out a scoreless thriller. Tomorrow we'll see the long-awaited replay.

Eleven weeks have gone by since the 0-0 draw between Italy and England, and the number of people who have made enquiries about the date of the re-play not only adds up to an amazing total, but gives evidence of the exciting impression left with the fans by that sizzling thriller.

At last the Olympic programme permits the Sunday International League to repeat this star attraction —tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

JUVENTUS PROVIDES MAIN STRENGTH

Again the main strength of Italy's team will be drawn from Juventus, which, despite some ups and downs recently, is still a popular power in the State League.

Whether Vitti or Penzo will appear in goal will be decided tomorrow, but it is certain that, unless injuries interfere with plans, Picinich, Frangione, and Marini will bar the way to the goal square.

Barbazza, Boz, and Bressan will also probably appear, and other possible selections may come from Guardiani and Zavatier of Polonia, Gennari of Geelong, and Dona of Footscray.

England will have Hobson of Moreland in goal, with Hartley and Barker of Hakoah, aided by either Innard of Moreland or Jayes of Yarra Park, in the last line of defence.

ENGLISHMEN FROM JUVENTUS, TOO

For the first time since their arrival in Melbourne, ex-English league players Tomblyn, Oughton, and Grigg, who play for Juventus in league matches, will play for England against their regular Italian team-mates.

They will add power to an attack which already contains Moreland's hard-hitting Oxton-Hodgson combination.

Hakoah's "in-off" specialist, Morris, is listed for the right wing, and he and Oxton should give Marini a busy time.

Williamson, Henderson. Reid, and Perkins are also named in England's short list.

This is one of those occasions when no one will risk a prediction on the outcome. Attempts to do so would be pure guess-work — futile, too, since we'll know the correct answer by 4.30 p.m. tomorrow.

HUNGARY MEETS CROATIA

Tomorrow's proceedings start at 1.30 p.m. when Hungary meets Croatia in their second round tie.

Hungary, sponsored by First Division leader Melbourne, had a fairly easy time beating a team of veteran Czechs in the first round, but will find Croatia a far more stubborn proposition.

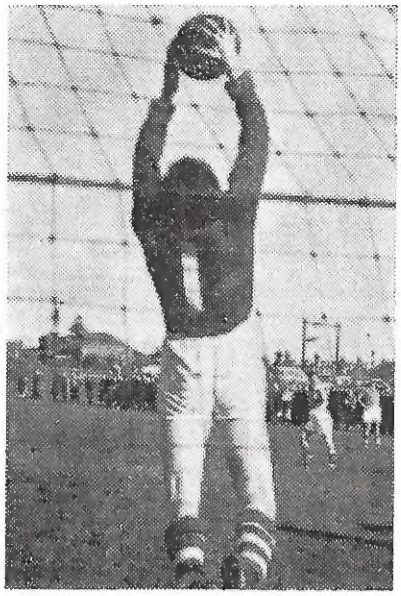
Croatia tossed Greece 3-0 to reach this round.

CAVIARE FOR SOCCER FANS

says

"HAMPDEN"

England's Keeper



NORM HOBSON of Moreland will guard the net for England when it meets Italy in tomorrow's WORLD CUP tie.

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PROTESTS FLOW, FLOP FOR LACK OF LAW PROPS

Committee Raps Needless Time-Takers

Many of the protests which continue to reach the Association in quantity have no backing either in the soccer laws or the league rules, and are automatically dismissed.

Four protests received last week were all based either on dissension with decisions of the referees, or criticism of their control of the matches.

Two of the matches were controlled by official referees, and two by officials provided by the clubs.

STUDY OF LAWS NEEDED

Members of the Disciplinary Committee say that club officials who submit protests which blame referees for the loss of their matches would do well to study the laws and rules, particularly in connection with the refereeing of games.

"Knowledge of the rules would save a lot of people a lot of time," they said.

Last week's protests were automatically invalid because they conflicted with the following legal directives:

LEAGUE RULE No. 26: "In the event of the appointed referee not attending, the home team must supply a referee."

LAW No. 5: "His (the referee's) decision on points of fact shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned."

ADMISSABLE PROTESTS

One club official. who asked what circumstances could warrant a protest, was given these examples of admissable grounds:

1. Where a club has deliberately or carelessly broken a soccer law or league rule in connection with a match;
2. Where a referee has erred against the laws of soccer in such a way that his mistake influenced the result of the match.

The club official was reminded, however, that a referee's decision based on "points of law" is quite different from his decision based on "points of fact." On "points of fact" he cannot be challenged.

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GEORGE SCHEITNER is the new Secretary of CORIO Soccer Club. His address is 16 Elizabeth Street, Newtown, and his telephone number is Geelong X 5172.

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The DUTCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION run their own soccer pools in Holland. During the past two years, the pools have netted a profit of £800,000, which was shared by the clubs!

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SAMMY STEWART, left full-back for EAST FIFE, has signed again! He is now coming up for his twenty-third season with the club.

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Irish International BERTIE PEACOCK has taken over the soccer coaching post at a Kilmalcolm private school near PAISLEY.

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REAL MADRID is still after PELE of Brazil and FONTAINE of Rheims (France). If the transfer of these two players is accomplished, it is likely to cost the Spanish club around £150,000 for the pair.

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The ENGLISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION and the League Management are said to be considering restrictions in connection with future overseas tours. This has been brought about by recent defeats in Latin American countries.

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Irish club PORTADOWN wound up their year with a deficit of £13,000. However, they succeeded in wiping out the loss and came into the new year with a surplus of £10,000. Quite simple—they transferred some players to English clubs for the tidy sum of £23,000.

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KEN CHISHOLM, former SUNDERLAND and CARDIFF inside forward, who has been player-manager of SPENNYMOOR, an English Non-League club, will be leaving for America soon to take up a position as a soccer coach.

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W. D. & H. O. Wills, the tobacco people, have put up £1,000 as the prize in a knock-out competition that will commence at the end of the current winter season in SYDNEY. The finals of this new competition, which the N.S.W. FEDERATION will call the Ascot Thousand, may be played under flood-lights at the Sydney Sports Ground.

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It has been suggested that a Brazilian team may make the long journey to GLASGOW to play Scotland at HAMPDEN PARK this year, the proceeds of the match to go to the recognised agencies devoted to the cause of aid for spastic children.

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PORTSMOUTH may succeed in signing BERT SLATER, FALKIRK'S international goalkeeper. If the deal goes through, the fee will be a big one.

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The BRITISH F.A. has been greatly concerned about alleged inaccurate and misleading reports that go back to England from journalists who are accompanying touring clubs. The F.A. may take steps to have scribes who wish to travel with touring sides screened in future.

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Getting back to those DUTCH SOCCER POOLS, the agents for the Association are the clubs themselves, and anyone who wishes to enter a coupon must be a member of the club. Smart work. The clubs get more subscriptions for membership, then nice dividends from the pools. Plenty of customers with first prizes around the 80,000-guilder mark. LOEW BRUNT, the Secretary of the ROYAL NETHERLANDS F.A., supervises the whole business.

Last week we asked whether JUVENTUS of ITALY had been getting their money's worth for the £100,000 the club paid for Argentinian forward ENRIQUE SIVORI in 1957. REMO GUARDIANI, former JUVENTUS-MELBOURNE player, has replied saying that Sivori supplied the support badly needed by CHARLES and BONIPERTI in the forward line with the immediate result that JUVENTUS won the Italian Premiership in 1958. With the effective co-operation of the rest of the team, of course, adds Remo.

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SCOTS DRAW MALTA IN WORLD CUP

Quarter-Final Ties Look Rugged

Scotland has been matched with Malta in the draw for the quarter-finals of the World Cup. and every tie in this year's round-of-eight reads like a rugged affair.

Here is the draw:

SCOTLAND v. MALTA.
HUNGARY or CROATIA v. YUGOSLAVIA.
ENGLAND or ITALY v. GERMANY.
AUSTRALIA v. POLAND.

Luck of the draw has varied for the teams in their approach to the quarter-finals.

Germany made it on a walk-over from Israel. Hungary and Croatia had to play two rounds — they play the second one tomorrow, and the winner will be a quarter-finalist. Italy drew with England 0-0 in their original tie, and the winner of tomorrow's replay will take a place in the quarter-finals.

These are the results to date:
Australia d. Ukrainia, 4-1.
Croatia d. Greece, 3-0.
Yugoslavia d. Austria, 6-0.
Italy drew England, 0-0.
Poland d. Latvia, 5-0.
Germany d. Israel, w/o.
Scotland d. Ireland, 5-0.
Malta d. Holland, 1-0.
Hungary d. Czechoslovakia, 5-1.

OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, August 1—
Wilhelmina v. George Cross.

Sunday, August 2—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 8—
Hakoah v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 9—
Slavia v. Juventus.

Saturday, August 15—
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, August 16—
Juventus v. George Cross.

Saturday, August 22—
George Cross v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 23—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.

Sunday, August 30—
Sunday International Matches.

Defaulting Club Suspended

Provisional League club Yarraville has defaulted in the payment of its bonds, fines, and monies due to the Association.

The club, its officials, and its players have been automatically suspended until arrangements for the discharge of its commitments are finalised.

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Although not one of the top teams, full marks have been earned by the South Yarra Under 16 side. They have not had many wins this season, but it is a team of triers that never gives up and never utters a word of complaint, win or lose. Popular coach Bill Hawes is a fine example to his team.

Preston Protest Adjourned

Preston's protest against Lions, based on a charge that Lions allegedly fielded Brunswick player Z. Celms on July 4, was adjourned for one week by the Disciplinary Committee when the player failed to appear at the hearing.

Lions' officials denied the charge, but Preston players at the hearing said that they knew Celms well, and that the player produced by Lions was not the player to whom objection was taken in the protest.

Steps have been taken to bring Celms before the Committee.

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JUVENTUS AT TOP TO TOSS J.U.S.T.

Newcomers Fail to Settle Down

Juventus was in top form and never lost the initiative in last Sunday's match against J.U.S.T., winning easily 4-0.

J.U.S.T.'s newly arrived players, like those of Polonia several weeks ago, failed to settle down at their first appearance with strange teammates in strange surroundings.

The three Yugoslav forwards — Bakotic, Mikic, and Kapoic — were fielded, but goalkeeper Rozanic was declared unfit, and reserve 'keeper Nikpalj went to the net.

GOALS FROM ERRORS

After J.U.S.T. full-back Rezuik mis-kicked the greasy ball for a perfect centre in his own goal area to give ever-ready opportunist Barbazza his first goal at 14 minutes, the youthful Nikpalj appeared to become either rattled or tensed up.

He certainly failed to reproduce, for the remainder of the match, the excellent form which had previously brought him under notice, and he was partly responsible for the goals which gave Barbazza a hat-trick, and Juventus a 3-0 lead at half-time.

"TERRIBLE TRIO" SHINE

Vitti had an easy time in goal as the "Terrible Trio" in front of him—Picinich, Frangione, and Marini—frustrated almost every attempt by J.U.S.T. to get into position for a scoring shot.

Despite Frangione's invincibility in the centre, J.U.S.T. failed to make intelligent use of the wings and persisted in futile attempts to take the ball through the middle.

Juventus held control throughout the second half, scoring its fourth goal when wing-half Saico centred into the goal-square from a free kick and Cubero netted from the resulting scrimmage.

LEADERS IN TROUBLE

Wilhelmina and George Cross didn't have things all their own way in their respective matches with Slavia and Geelong, but each eventually justified and maintained their ladder positions by earning odd-goal wins.

Hakoah had a mud-bath while beating Box Hill 3-1 at Middle Park. There was some doubt as to whether the ground was fit to play—the reserves' match was postponed — but the referee and the teams finally took the plunge.

Polonia and Moreland held their opponents scoreless, Polonia beating Footscray 3-0, and Moreland getting a bag of 8 goals from Yarra Park.

This gave Moreland, with 49 goals scored in its 16 matches, the largest tally of "goals for" in the league with the single exception of Wilhelmina, who is busy knocking up a cricket score that has already reached 72, very much "not out."

"BIG FOUR" MEET TODAY

The "big four" meet in two matches today, and there could be some significant changes at the top of the ladder when the results are in.

The top two, Wilhelmina and George Cross, are brought together at Olympic Park, and the Dutchmen will try to reverse their first-round defeat to strengthen their league lead.

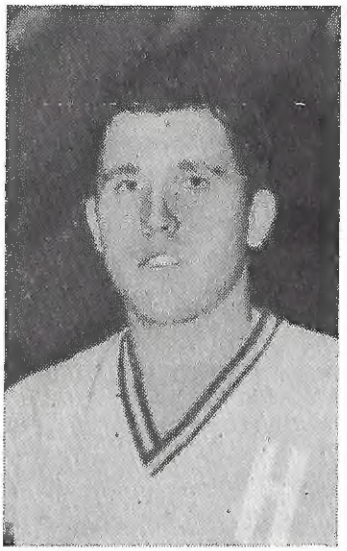
Juventus, too, has an earlier defeat to avenge when it faces Hakoah, and both require a win to stay close to the leaders and avoid the threat of the oncoming Polonia.

Polonia should be too settled for the rebuilding J.U.S.T., and could get to within 3 points of the last berth in the "four" with a win today.

Moreland is at home to Geelong and should win, but Slavia could find the going tough at Box Hill.

Footscray should win its first match of the season against Yarra Park at Port Melbourne.

Hakoah Full-back With England



TERRY HARTLEY, solid Hakoah and Victoria full-back, will defend for England against Italy in tomorrow's WORLD CUP tie.

How They Stand in Sydney

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P
Prague . . .	17	1	0	79	24	35
Corrimal . .	12	3	4	49	34	27
APIA	11	4	3	49	26	26
Hakoah . . .	9	4	5	33	24	22
Syd.-Aus. . .	8	5	6	33	33	21
G'ville-Ryde	6	7	4	34	22	19
Canterbury .	9	1	8	42	33	19
Granville .	5	7	7	46	43	17
Auburn . . .	7	3	8	50	49	17
North Side .	5	6	8	30	40	16
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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Juventus d. J.U.S.T., 4-0.
Hakoah d. Box Hill, 3-1.
Wilhelmina d. Slavia, 2-1.
George Cross d. Geelong, 3-2.
Polonia d. Footscray, 3-0.
Moreland d. Yarra Park, 8-0.

State League Reserves

Box Hill v. Hakoah (postponed).
Juventus v. J.U.S.T. (postponed).
Wilhelmina d. Slavia, 3-1.
Geelong d. George Cross, walk-over.
Footscray d. Polonia, 3-1.
Moreland d. Yarra Park, walk-over.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Croatia d. Hellenic, 3-2.
Lions/Hayduk d. Corio, 3-0.
Maccabi d. Sunshine City, 4-2.
Sicilia d. Coburg, 4-0.

Second Division

St. Albans d. Collingwood, 2-0.
Essendon d. Williamstown, 2-0.
I.C.I. d. University, 3-2.
Fiorentina d. Heidelberg, 7-0.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Melbourne d. South Melbourne, 1-0.
South Yarra d. Park Rangers, 5-3.
Yallourn d. Dandenong, 3-1.
Prahran d. Vic. Police, 3-2.

Second Division

Croydon d. Ferntree Gully, 3-1.
F.N.D. d. Bayswater, 3-2.
Austria d. Rosebud, 4-2.
Frankston d. Moorabbin, 5-2.
Oakleigh drew with Sandringham, 2-2.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Lions/Hayduk d. Frankston, 4-0.
Hellenic d. Sandringham, 4-2.
Coburg drew with Fiorentina, 1-1.
Maccabi d. Preston, 4-2.
Sunshine City d. University, walk-over.

First Division South

Melbourne d. South Melbourne, 1-0.
Richmond d. Brighton, 2-0.
Park Rangers d. South Yarra, 4-2.
Dandenong drew with Yallourn, 2-2.
Prahran, bye.

CUP REPLAYS

DOCKERTY CUP

(SECOND ROUND REPLAYS)

Preston d. Brighton, 2-1.
Moonee Ponds d. Bendigo, 2-0.

ARMSTRONG CUP

(SECOND ROUND REPLAYS)

Juventus drew with Richmond, 2-2.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE

POLONIA v. J.U.S.T.
JUVENTUS v. HAKOAH.
BOX HILL v. SLAVIA.
WILHELMINA v. GEORGE CROSS.
YARRA PARK v. FOOTSCRAY.
MORELAND v. GEELONG.

STATE LEAGUE RES.

No Matches.

DOCKERTY CUP

(Third Round)

Sunshine City v. Ferntree Gully.
Dandenong v. Brighton or Preston.
Park Rangers v. Moorabbin.
Melbourne v. Prahran.
Croatia v. Sandringham.
Moonee Ponds or Bendigo v. South Melbourne.
Lions/Hayduk v. Essendon.
Yallourn v. Oakleigh.

ARMSTRONG CUP

(Second Round Replay)
Richmond v. Juventus.

(Third Round)

Footscray v. Moreland.
Polonia v. Geelong.
Box Hill v. Wilhelmina.

First Division North

Maccabi v. Hellenic.

First Division South

No Matches.

Second Division North

Fairfield v. I.C.I.
Heidelberg v. University.

Second Division South

Rosebud v. Croydon.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

Coburg v. Lions/Hayduk.
Hellenic v. Frankston.
Fiorentina v. Maccabi.
University v. Preston.
Sandringham v. Sunshine City.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

Melbourne v. South Yarra.
South Melbourne v. Brighton.
Dandenong v. Park Rangers.
Yallourn, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Makedonia v. Norlane Olympia.
Olympia v. Hollandia.
Melita v. North Richmond.
Yarraville v. Trident.

TOMORROW

Sunday International League

TWO LAIDLAW CUP TIES

3 p.m.:

ITALY v. ENGLAND

1.30 p.m.

HUNGARY v. CROATIA

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE
State League Reserves.

J.U.S.T. v. Yarra Park.
Hakoah v. Polonia.
Slavia v. Juventus.
George Cross v. Box Hill.
Geelong v. Wilhelmina.
Footscray v. Moreland.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Preston v. Maccabi.
Sunshine City v. Corio.
Lions/Hayduk v. Hellenic.
Croatia v. Sicilia.
Coburg v. Brunswick.

Second Division

Heidelberg v. Moonee Ponds.
Fairfield v. Williamstown.
Essendon v. St. Albans.
Collingwood v. University.
I.C.I. v. Fiorentina.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Vic. Police v. South Yarra.
Park Rangers v. Richmond.
Brighton v. Melbourne.
South Melbourne v. Yallourn.
Dandenong v. Prahran.

Second Division

Sandringham v. Rosebud.
Austria v. F.N.D.
Bayswater v. Croydon.
Ferntree Gully v. Frankston.
Moorabbin v. Oakleigh.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

University v. Coburg.
Fiorentina v. Sandringham.
Hellenic v. Lions/Hayduk.
Frankston v. Preston.
Maccabi v. Sunshine City.

First Division South

Richmond v. Park Rangers.
Melbourne v. Brighton.
Yallourn v. South Melbourne.
Prahran v. Dandenong.
South Yarra, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Bendigo v. Makedonia.
Melita v. Yarraville.
Olympia v. Norlane Olympia.
Hollandia v. Seymour.
North Richmond v. Trident.

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Wilhelmina	16	12	2	2	72	30	26
George Cross	16	11	3	2	43	20	25
Juventus	16	11	2	3	38	16	24
Hakoah	16	11	2	3	38	24	24
Slavia	16	9	2	5	34	26	20
Polonia	16	7	5	4	32	25	19
J.U.S.T.	16	5	4	7	34	35	14
Moreland	16	6	1	9	49	34	13
Box Hill	16	5	1	10	17	42	11
Geelong	16	3	3	10	24	41	9
Footscray	16	0	4	12	22	62	4
Yarra Park	16	1	1	14	24	72	3

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Lions/Hayduk	12	9	1	2	38	9	19
Croatia	12	8	2	2	36	18	18
Preston	11	7	2	2	32	11	16
Sicilia	12	6	2	4	36	17	14
Sunshine City	12	6	0	6	29	24	12
Hellenic	12	5	1	6	25	26	11
Coburg	12	3	4	5	21	28	10
Corio	12	4	1	7	15	25	9
Maccabi	12	4	1	7	24	38	9
Brunswick	11	0	0	11	7	67	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Fiorentina	12	9	1	2	37	11	20
Moonee Ponds	11	8	0	3	32	16	16
University	12	7	2	3	34	21	16
Essendon	12	8	0	4	25	19	16
I.C.I.	12	4	2	6	27	35	10
St. Albans	12	4	1	7	23	30	9
Heidelberg	12	4	1	7	17	39	9
Williamstown	12	3	2	7	17	28	8
Fairfield	11	2	3	6	19	23	7
Collingwood	12	3	1	8	24	33	7

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Seymour	12	7	3	2	30	15	17
Norlane-Olympic	12	7	3	2	37	22	17
North Richmond	11	6	4	1	46	16	16
Makedonia	12	7	2	3	26	15	16
Olympia	12	7	1	4	29	18	15
Trident	11	5	3	3	27	22	13
Melita	12	4	2	6	24	32	10
Bendigo	10	2	3	5	21	28	7
Hollandia	12	2	0	10	26	42	4
*Yarraville	12	0	1	11	3	59	1

* Yarraville withdrawn from League

TABLES COMPILED

by

STUART BEATON

Secretary-Manager

V.A.S.F.A.

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	12	11	1	0	79	18	23
Richmond	11	8	0	3	42	12	16
South Melbourne	12	8	0	4	34	18	16
Yallourn	12	8	0	4	45	28	16
Brighton	11	7	1	3	32	20	15
Dandenong	12	4	1	7	33	42	9
Prahran	12	3	1	8	18	46	7
South Yarra	12	3	0	9	19	45	6
Park Rangers	12	3	0	9	22	51	6
Vic. Police	12	1	2	9	15	59	4

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sandringham	12	10	2	0	32	19	22
Frankston	12	7	2	3	36	24	16
Oakleigh	12	5	2	4	24	15	13
Austria	12	6	2	4	44	33	14
Bayswater	12	4	3	5	28	28	11
F.N.D.	11	4	2	5	26	33	10
Moorabbin	12	3	3	6	25	38	9
Ferntree Gully	11	4	0	7	34	23	8
Rosebud	12	4	0	8	27	38	8
Croydon	12	2	0	10	23	48	4

HOW THEY STAND

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Wilhelmina	14	12	2	0	53	12	26
Hakoah	13	10	1	2	41	17	21
Geelong	14	8	1	5	32	20	17
Polonia	14	6	4	4	19	17	16
Juventus	13	7	1	5	30	18	15
Box Hill	13	7	1	5	35	25	15
Moreland	14	5	4	5	23	21	14
J.U.S.T.	13	6	1	6	34	27	13
George Cross	14	4	3	7	23	34	11
Footscray	14	4	1	9	16	35	9
Slavia	14	2	2	10	25	48	6
Yarra Park	14	0	1	13	3	60	1

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Lions/Hayduk	12	9	1	2	37	13	19
Sunshine City	12	9	1	2	28	16	19
Maccabi	12	7	0	5	47	29	14
Fiorentina	12	6	2	4	36	20	14
Frankston	12	6	2	4	34	23	14
Coburg	12	6	2	4	27	23	14
Preston	12	5	3	4	34	23	13
Hellenic	12	4	0	8	25	43	8
Sandringham	12	2	0	10	13	41	4
University	12	0	1	11	5	56	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	12	10	1	1	65	17	21
Richmond	12	9	2	1	42	18	20
Dandenong	12	7	2	3	33	25	16
Park Rangers	12	7	1	4	26	21	15
Brighton	12	6	1	5	28	23	13
Yallourn	12	4	4	4	34	33	12
South Melbourne	12	5	0	7	24	39	10
South Yarra	12	4	1	7	22	36	9
Prahran	12	3	0	9	14	70	6

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MACCABI IN SHOCK WIN DOWNS CITY

Lions Hold Slender Lead

The only surprise in last week's league round was Maccabi's 4-2 win over a sadly slumping Sunshine City.

The points plus a slim difference in goal average enable Maccabi to climb over Corio on the ladder, and this could supply the badly-needed confidence builder which could help the Maccabeans in their fight to avoid relegation.

The Lions improved their goal average and maintained their one-point lead at the top by holding Corio scoreless in a one-sided game.

While Preston was busy beating Brighton in their Dockerty Cup replay, Croatia moved up into second place by narrowly beating Hellenic 3-2.

Like Sunshine City, Coburg is in a slump, and after losing 0-4 to Sicilia, is dangerously close to the relegation slide.

All of FIRST NORTH's representatives in today's round of the Dockerty Cup have a reasonable chance of survival, but none of their ties are easy.

Croatia tackles undefeated Sandringham in what appears to be the hardest of the four matches, and will find the confident Hammers a tough proposition.

Preston, jublant after its win over Brighton, cannot afford to take Dandenong lightly — Dandenong is the only team that has taken a point from all-conquering Melbourne this season.

The Lions are probably too experienced for the young Essendon side, and Sunshine City, in spite of its recent failures, should beat Ferntree Gully.

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

RAIN, MUD FAIL

Although rain and mud may have caused some of the upsets last week, they failed to keep about 150 spectators away from the Melbourne-South Melbourne match at Elwood.

A mud-patch at one end of the ground and a pool of water at the other spoiled some of the plays through the centre, but watchers were well-rewarded by a keen, hard-fought game with very few fouls and no incidents.

MELBOURNE JUMPS LAST BAR TO FLAG

Beats South in Muddy Thriller

Melbourne cleared out to an unbeatable 7-point lead for the premiership when it narrowly defeated South Melbourne United 1-0 in a muddy thriller at Elwood last week.

A win to United would have reduced Melbourne's lead to 3 points, a margin that would have kept the competition alive—and the South Melburnians never stopped trying.

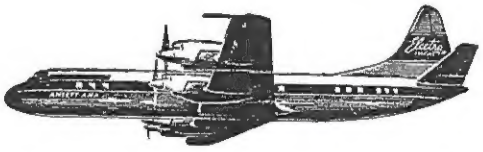
Both sides made and lost lots of chances, and the officials of both clubs, aware of just how much could hang on the result, were right down to fingernail-biting in the closing stages of the game.

Dandenong, who played an inspired game to take a point from Melbourne a fortnight ago, slumped again to lose to Yallourn 1-3.

Park Rangers missed another chance to get a lead on its relegation running-mates by losing to South Yarra 3-5.

Dandenong meets a difficult opponent in Preston in today's Cup round, but home-ground advantage may provide some assistance.

Park Rangers, Melbourne, South Melbourne United, and Yallourn, who meet Moorabbin, Prahran, Moonee Ponds, and Oakleigh in that order, should all advance into the fourth round.



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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

BAYSWATER IS CHEERFUL

Despite its recent run of outs. Bayswater maintains its cheerful whimsicality which reports like this:

"Rosebud may not have really deserved their win against us, but by playing poor soccer, we certainly deserved to lose."

And this:

"Bayswater has been doing things in a big way recently. For instance, last week our three teams added no less than 17 goals to their records. Scored against them, of course."

I.C.I. DESTROYS STUDENTS' CHANCE

Fiorentina Lengthens Lead

University may have lost its chance for the premiership pennant when it dropped two points to I.C.I. in a surprise result last week.

While I.C.I. was upsetting the Students, Fiorentina was busy thrashing Heidelberg 7-0 to get a 4-point break on its rivals at a very critical time.

St. Albans' recent run of wins, culminating in last week's 2-0 win over Collingwood, has at last brought its just reward with a giant leap from the bottom of the ladder right up to sixth place.

Essendon continued its steady progress by downing Williamstown 2-0, and is in a handy position if Fiorentina falters during the last six rounds.

Moonee Ponds beat Bendigo 2-0 in its Second Round Dockerty Cup replay, but appears to be out of its depth against today's opponent South Melbourne United.

The only other representative of Second North in this Cup round is Essendon, who may not be able to cope with the heavy artillery of Lions/Hayduk.

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SEYMOUR LOSES GROUND

The gap between Seymour, first in the Provisional League, and Olympia, fifth, narrowed to 2 points when Seymour drew with North Richmond, and Olympia won by the default of Yarraville last week.

Norlane moved into second place, equal on points with the leader but with an inferior goal average, after its defeat of Hollandia.

North Richmond and Makedonia are holding third and fourth positions —only one point behind the leaders.

Seymour, Norlane, and North Richmond have hard tasks today with Bendigo, Makedonia, and Melita, and, depending on the results, the position could become even more complicated, particularly if the leaders fail and Olympia gets into the act with a win over Hollandia.

OAKLEIGH GAIN VALUABLE POINT

By DON SUTHERLAND

Sandringham City virtually clinched promotion into First Division last week by holding Oakleigh to a 2-all draw, but the question of who will accompany them is still wide open following the decisive victories of Frankston and Austria.

The Oakleigh-Sandringham clash provided the anticipated measure of thrills and spills. The Hammers ran to an early two-goal lead but Oakleigh's tenacity was not to be denied, and the Italian team's fighting recovery fully deserved a share of the points.

The vigorous, hard-bumping game was most capably handled by referee Harrison, and if all games were as well controlled, "incidents" would become few and far between.

For Oakleigh, goalie Pino, and team captain Landro, were outstanding, while the Hammer's full-backs, Ruth and Stansfield, gave a brilliant display.

Frankston crushed Moorabbin to the tune of 5 goals to 2 to join Oakleigh in second place. Frankston's chance of promotion is likely to hinge on the result of their home and away fixtures against Sandringham, to be played later in the season, while Austria is a real danger to both Oakleigh and Frankston, now being only two points in arrears.

Today's big interest lies in the Dockerty Cup exploits of the four remaining contenders. League Leaders, Sandringham, journey to Geelong where they will oppose the powerful Croatia XI. The Hammers are confident of holding their unbeaten record and are sure to give a good account of themselves.

Oakleigh, after disposing of Hellenic, will provide worthy opposition to Yallourn and the Latrobe Valley boys are going to be fully extended.

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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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Stan Shields, ex-manager of Brighton, left the Seasiders recently but just can't keep away from the game, and he's back with Sandringham City as a "useful." He can be seen marking out the ground on many Saturday mornings.

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Treasurer of the V.A.S.F.A., Alex. Kerr, went to hospital for the 50th time last week. No — he's not sick. Just went to register his half-century of blood-transfusions. He has given 18 lots of blood to the blood-bank, and 32 transfusions direct to patients.

VETERAN FORWARD STILL AT IT

JOE LACHMANN has bobbed up again and is still kicking goals—this time for Sandringham City. He has notched nine so far this season.

All this is very odd, because when Alex. is asked, as Treasurer, to pay out some money, he shrugs and utters his stock reply: "Sorry, old man, you can't get blood out of a stone."

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Matz Landherr, Richmond's 18-year-old inside right, is also interested in table tennis, and is one of the best players of the indoor game in the Sunshine district, where he finished runner-up to the district champion in a recent final. They say Matz could be a future champion if he puts his mind to it.

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Mention of Richmond reminds us that its Secretary, Fritz Schwab, can now be reached by telephone, day or night at ML 9398.

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You can always rely on an honest answer from Des. Hamilton of South Melbourne United. Asked for his impressions of last Saturday's match against Melbourne, this is what he said: "A good, fast game, hard and clean. Melbourne had the edge, but good work by South's keeper van Groningen kept our boys in it. Our forward line was not in the game all day, though, and they rarely had a shot at the net."

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NOTICE TO CLUBS

Clubs are reminded that all accounts are now due and payable to the Association, and must be finalised immediately.

It is important that SEPARATE CHEQUES be made out for SOCCER NEWS payments.

The Mayor of Sandringham, Cr. R. Barnett, Cr. J. Cleworth, and Mr. Harry J. Dockerty, Mr. Stuart Beaton, and many other soccer notables will be present as club guests at Sandringham's "do" tonight at the Dispensary Hall, in Waltham Street. Ticket sales soared after we published the information that it was to be a licensed affair.

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All three of Yallourn's goals scored against Dandenong last week were scored by be-spectacled. Dutchman Jan Stoep. Including last week's three, Jan has now scored 22 goals this season in 15 matches—12 League, 2 Dockerty Cup, and one friendly match against George Cross.

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This item, culled from last Sunday's Sydney paper, "The Sun-Herald," mentions a highly contageous "disease," but we publish it without comment: "Competition leader Prague badly needs a big gate to meet contract payments to Austrians Leopold Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl, Andreas Saghi, and Herbert Ninaus."

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Starting this month, Fiorentina intends to sponsor a monthly dance. It hopes to feature a good standard of entertainment in addition to the dancing, but, as usual, the key to the success of these plans depends upon the "gate." Watch for the first date on this page.

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The "free lists" that some of the clubs are expected to send in to the Association at the end of the season should provide interesting reading, particularly Richmond's. Richmond has 57 senior players registered with the club, and they have only been fielding two teams this season!

BRAWL ENDS GAME, CLUB ON NEW BOND

Referee Punched By Player

When spectators invaded the pitch and started a running brawl, the Provisional League match Olympia v. Makedonia was abandoned after 60 minutes of play.

Evidence and the report submitted by Referee Conners to the Disciplinary Committee indicated that the trouble started when a Makedonian player struck him in the eye.

Supporters menaced him, Mr. Conners said, and he ran for the shelter of the car in which he had changed, but was followed and threatened by Makedonian players, whom he identified by name.

The probe revealed that only a few Olympia officials were present in support of their team, and that they were hopelessly out-numbered, and took refuge in cars which were reported to have been stoned.

The Disciplinary Committee decreed that Makedonia had forfeited the normal seasonal £10 bond, and must deposit a new bond of £20 as a surety against the future behaviour of the club's members and supporters.

Olympia was leading 2-1 at the time the game was abandoned, and this score has been recorded as the official result of the match.

PLAYER STRIKES REFEREE

DRAWS SINE DIE SUSPENSION

Provisional League player J. Sivov of Makedonia, charged with having struck Referee Conners during the Olympia-Makedonia match on July 18, was suspended sine die by the Disciplinary Committee last week.

The referee stated that, when he awarded a free kick to Olympia, Sivov had wilfully kicked the ball right out of the playing field in temper.

When he instructed Sivov to get the ball, Mr. Conners said, Sivov struck him in the eye with his clenched fist.

This was the incident that led to the abandonment of the match, the referee said.

Two other Makedonian players have yet to be dealt with in connection with incidents that followed the abandonment.

Olympia Protest Adjourned

A protest lodged by Provisional League club Olympia against North Richmond. alleging that North Richmon fielded a player registered with Melita, was adjourned by the Disciplinary Committee for one week.

The player concerned is registered with North Richmond as J. Mangione, but Olympia believe him to be A. Miggiani, who played against them with Melita, and who is said to be J. Mangione's brother.

Two registrations are on file in these names, but in the face of Olympia's firm identification of Mangione as Miggiani, the Committee ordered that both players be summoned to appear together, and adjourned the hearing.

Phil Blunt In 97th Game For Yallourn

Former Australian and Victorian goalkeeper PHIL BLUNT played his 97th game for Yallourn last week. He is seen here defending for Australia against South China at the Showgrounds in 1955.

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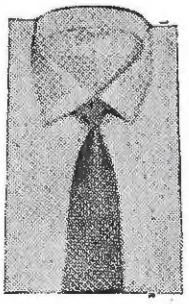

THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

Under 14 (South), July 25, at Fairburn Park. Essendon 1, St. Kilda 3.

Dominating play during the first half, the "Dons" led by one goal to nil at half-time. During this period, strong, fast play on tactics had the Saints defending desperately.

St. Kilda resumed full of fight and during the first fifteen minutes of the second half completely overwhelmed Essendon, scoring three goals without reply. During this period the Saints produced their finest soccer of the season and clinched the League Premiership for this section, and on this form could also complete the double, League and Cup. Congratulations to both teams for their display and their sportsmanship.

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Under 14 State Squad to meet St. George Junior Soccer Association (Sydney), August 29-September 7:

I. Watson, Dandenong City; R. Caithness, Sunshine City; B. D. Stacey, Box Hill; A. Abonyi, St. Kilda; J. Rossetto, Essendon; W. Kilvert, Brighton; T. Allsopp, Essendon; A. M. Peat, Essendon; G. Mullens, Sunshine City; J. Middleton. Moorabbin City; P. Kilvert, Brighton; G. Hay, Brighton; R. G. Russell, Moorabbin City; G. Bakker, Box Hill; P. Blackman, Sunshine City; V. Winkler, Sunshine City.

Team Manager: Mr. H. Pritchard (Brighton). Coach: Mr. Len Young, V.A.S.F.A.

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Under 18 State Squad to meet New South Wales Junior Soccer Association, September 12 - September 14:

Evans, Geelong Scottish; Perkins, Brighton; D. Smith, St. Kilda; Jordon, South Melbourne; Dobson, Sunshine City; Hucker, Geelong Scottish; Bedford, Box Hill; Wright, Sunshine City; Lightfoot, St. Kilda; Voce, Box Hill; Pritchard, Brighton; Stevenson, St. Kilda; Evans, Brighton; Keys, Box Hill; Culbard, Sunshine City; D. Smith, Brighton.

Team Manager: Mr. G. Culbard (Sunshine City). Coach: Mr. Len Young, V.A.S.F.A.

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Under 14 State team defeated St. Kilda 4-0 at Middle Park on Sunday, July 26. Comments from Coach Mr. Len Young: "The probable State team displayed good form and combined well as a team." This young team will play Moorabbin City Under 16 team at the South Melbourne ground tomorrow.

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With five matches still to be played, Olympia require only 4 points to finish as Under 12 League Premiers in their first season. South Melbourne, their nearest challengers with 19 points from 13 matches, must win all their remaining games.

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In the Under 14 (North) Section, the decision on the abandoned match, Trident v. Sunshine City on July 4, will decide the premiership. St. Kilda have already won the Southern section premiership.

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The result of the Essendon v. Sunshine City match on August 15, will decide the Under 16 (North) premiership. Sunshine City, still undefeated, require only 4 points. An official referee, Mr. Brown, will officiate on August 15 with the "Dons" going all out to reverse the first match at Sunshine.

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Dandenong (20 points), 1st, and Moorabbin City (19 points), 2nd, could finish in this position at the end of the season. A slip by either team at this stage could decide the premiership.

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The premiership of the Under 18 Section hinges on an appeal by Sunshine City against a Disciplinary Committee decision awarding the points for the Box Hill v. Sunshine City game, July 4, to Box Hill (ineligible player—Sunshine City).

Next Week's Fixtures

UNDER 12 (Cup Final)

Olympia v. Broadmeadows Hostel, at Olympic Park.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Maribyrnong Hostel v. Trident.
Lions/Hayduk v. Brooklyn Hostel.
Sunshine City, bye.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

South Melbourne v. St. Kilda.
Essendon v. Maccabi.
Brighton, bye.

UNDER 16 (CUP SEMI-FINALS)

Moorabbin City v. Sunshine City, at South Melbourne ground, Middle Park.
Wesley College v. Essendon, at St. Kilda ground, Middle Park.

UNDER 18

Preston T.S.O.B. v. Tullamarine United.
Sunshine City v. Army Apprentices.
Fairfield v. Coburg United.
Box Hill v. St. Kilda.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

UNDER 12.

Olympia d. Brooklyn Hostel, 6-0.
South Melbourne d. Essendon, 3-0.
Preston Hostel v. Broadmeadows Hostel (not notified).
Byes: Sunshine City and Williamstown H.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Trident d. Brooklyn Hostel, 5-0.
Sunshine City d. Lions/Hayduk, 3-0.
Bye: Maribyrnong Hostel.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

St. Kilda d. Essendon, 3-1.
Maccabi lost points to Brighton, w.o.
Bye: South Melbourne.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Yarra d. Wesley College, 3-1.
Sunshine City d. Ajax, 11-0.
Byes: South Melbourne and Essendon.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Moorabbin City d. Box Hill, 8-0.
Croydon v. Heidelberg (not notified).
Dandenong City d. Bayswater, 4-3.
Bye: Preston T.S.O.B.

UNDER 18

Preston T.S.O.B. walk-over from Coburg United.
Sunshine City d. St. Kilda, 3-1.
Box Hill d. Fairfield, 6-1.
Army Apprentices d. Tullamarine Un., 3-0.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	13	13	0	0	26
South Melbourne	13	9	1	3	19
Essendon	13	8	0	5	16
Brooklyn Hostel	13	8	0	5	16
Sunshine City	13	7	2	4	16
Broadmeadows Hostel	12	6	3	3	15
Williamstown Hostel	13	4	2	7	10
Preston Hostel	12	2	2	8	6

UNDER 14 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Trident	12	11	1	0	23
Sunshine City	12	10	0	2	20
Lions/Hayduk	13	7	1	5	15
Brooklyn Hostel	13	4	1	8	9
Maribyrnong Hostel	13	4	1	8	9

UNDER 14 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	13	12	0	1	24
Brighton	13	9	0	4	18
Essendon	13	8	0	5	16
South Melbourne	13	7	0	6	14
Maccabi	13	2	0	11	4

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	11	11	0	0	22
Essendon	11	9	1	1	19
Ajax	11	6	2	3	14
South Melbourne	11	5	3	3	13
Wesley College	11	4	2	5	10
South Yarra	11	3	2	6	8

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Dandenong City	11	10	0	1	20
Moorabbin City	11	9	1	1	19
Box Hill	11	7	0	4	14
Bayswater	11	5	2	4	12
Preston T.S.O.B.	11	4	0	7	8
Heidelberg	10	3	1	6	7
Croydon	10	3	0	7	6

UNDER 18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	12	11	0	1	22
Box Hill	11	9	1	1	19
Coburg United	11	5	2	4	12
St. Kilda	11	4	3	4	11
Fairfield	10	3	1	6	7
Army Apprentices	10	2	2	6	6
Preston T.S.O.B.	10	2	2	6	6
Tullamarine United	12	1	2	9	4

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LARRIKINS AT THE PARK

Sir,

About two months ago I wrote to you about the few irresponsible vandals who cause trouble at Olympic Park and I suggested that a couple of plain-clothes policemen be posted at the back of the grandstand from where they can watch these hooligans.

On Saturday, July 18, a couple of unpleasant incidents occurred, and were deplored by almost everybody who saw them or heard them. The same persons were involved.

I personally think that it is of no avail to appeal to these people through "Soccer News," the newspapers, or the radio, because this small group of larrikins apparently have neither the mentality to read "Soccer News" nor heed the radio.

Hence such appeals only serve as bad publicity for the George Cross Soccer Club, the Maltese community as a whole, and the game of soccer itself.

However, in the name of the great majority of George Cross supporters, I wish to appeal to you once more and suggest that, instead of having six policemen in uniform, there be only four in uniform and the other two in plain clothes.

The plain-clothes constables could mingle with the crowd to watch for these well-known vandals in places where they usually congregate.

In my humble opinion, the Olympic Park management should bar these few irresponsibles from the Park.—Yours, etc.,

MALTESE SOCCER FAN.
(Name and address withheld).

BENDIGO FAN REPLIES

Sir,

I think that, in the absence of a Bendigo representative, the Disciplinary Committee heard only North Richmond's version.

[The Committee states that its judgment was based on the evidence of the referee, not that of North Richmond.—Ed.]

I think it rather intriguing that the referee could "indicate" to North Richmond "an indirect free kick," yet leave Bendigo believing, correctly, that a direct free was the penalty for the infringement. Had Bendigo been made aware of the referee's interpretation, I am sure Bendigo's captain could have corrected him.

[Apparently the Bendigo captain DID correct him, and the referee then awarded the goal—unfairly, since North Richmond had been told that the free kick was an indirect one. The referee should have ordered the kick re-taken when his error was pointed out, and not add an unfair decision to another unfair decision.—Ed.]

I think that, if the Disciplinary Committee upheld the protest, to be strictly fair, it should have ordered the replay to take place at Seymour or Puckapunyal. Would North Richmond have been so keen on a replay if the match had been at Bendigo?

[Firstly, North Richmond did not ask for a replay, but obviously wanted both points. Secondly, when Bendigo applied for entry into the league, its delegates assured the Investigation Committee that the club was prepared to travel as much and as often as necessary to carry out its league commitments.—Ed.]

North Richmond have since climbed into a challenging position on the ladder, and will be keen to grab another point. Bendigo's position demands nothing more than justice with honour.—Yours, etc.,

WALLY CLAYTON.

Seaford.

OAKLEIGH TECH. WINS SCHOOLS SEMI-FINAL

The second semi-final of the Technical School soccer between Oakleigh and Prahran had a dramatic finish. with the result decided on corner kicks counted during extra time.

Following a very close tussle in which the diminutive Prahran goalie repelled strong Oakleigh attacks, the game reached full time drawn at 3 goals each.

At the end of an extra 20 minutes, the score remained unchanged, and it was then decided to play an extra 10 minutes and allow corner kicks to count in the result.

In the tight finish that followed, Oakleigh scraped in when Prahran finally conceded a corner.

Best players for Oakleigh were Fitzmaurice and Hay, and for Prahran, Schulmuster and Winfield.

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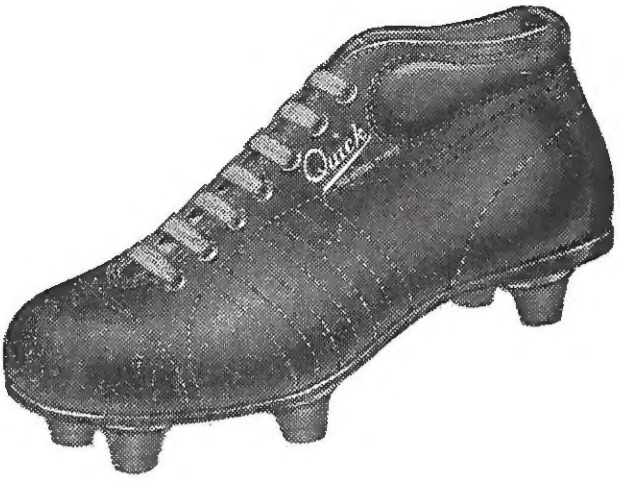

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